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In re Application of : Jonathan Zmuda, et al.

For : ORAL FLUID RAPID ASSAY FOR
HEPATITUS C VIRUS (HCV)
ANTIBODIES USING NON-
ANTIBODY LABELING OF IgA
MOLECULES RECOGNIZING HCV
PEPTIDE EPITOPES

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS
OF APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(c)**

Commissioner for Patents
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Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-entitled case, please find enclosed the Patent Office return copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Provisional Application issued September 27, 2001, as well as the fully executed Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application signed by all inventors.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.84 applicants submit seven (7) sheets of substitute Formal Drawings, including Figures 1-7.


A check in the amount of Sixty Five Dollars (\$65.00) is enclosed to cover the surcharge required under 37 CFR 1.16(e). Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-0308.

The foregoing submissions are believed to meet the requirements of the Notice to File Missing Parts, and the applicants await further action on the application from the Patent and Trademark Office.

Respectfully submitted,

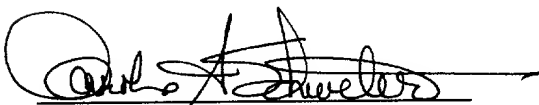
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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 65.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

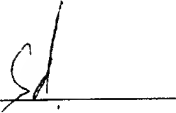
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